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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark. Office hereby directed to the attached Declaration of the inventor reporting on the developmen of the invention, including certain experimental uses of the invention. This information is presented so the Examiner can make a determination if such information is relevant to the patentability of the invention.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the attached Declaration.

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An acknowledgement of the Examiner's consideration of the attached Declaration and attachments is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. M4065.0503/P503. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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